# MINUTES Wednesday, May 10, 2023

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call – Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Brad Hawn, at 5:32 pm. Please see attachments for roll call.

#### II. Public Comment Period

No public Comments

### III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for April 12, 2023, from David Wright, and second from Lise Talbott. **Approved** (9 - Y, 0 - N, 0 - Abstain)

#### IV. Informational Items

- a. SHA Meeting Video Update given by Kasey Houck, Housing & Homeless Senior Manager, Community Services Agency:
  - Meetings are being recorded and will now soon be posted on the CSOC website.
- b. City of Turlock Homeless Programs presented by Reagan Wilson, Turlock:
  - i. There are approximately 220 persons categorized as homeless, which are currently served by community churches, the We Care program, and Turlock Gospel Mission. Combined they provide overnight shelter to 130 persons. In addition, the United Samaritans Foundation and the Salvation Army provide meals on a daily basis.
  - ii. The City Council has tasked the City Staff to find ways to reduce the number of homeless in the community. Plans are being pursued and/or implemented:
    - Changing City Ordinances to comply with state mandates and help eliminate situations such as loitering, vagrancy, and illegal camping in parks.
    - Establishing one or two day centers.
    - Filing a grant application to the State Housing Department for available funding to construct and operate (with a non-profit provider) an Interim Housing Facility, which would consist of 40-45 studio apartments and 5-10 one bedroom apartments.
  - iii. The city is planning a Community Workshop, May 26, 2023, at the Senior Center, located at 1191 Cahill Street, in Turlock, from 6:00 pm 8:00 pm.
    City department directors and shelter providers will be present to answer questions and make notes on the community comments.
- c. Stanislaus County Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan presented by Ana San Nicolas.
  - Annual Action Plan begins with the HUD Entitlement Requirements
    - Consolidated Plan-Con Plan, 3-5 years
    - Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing-AI, 3-5 years

- Annual Action Plan-AAP, annually
- Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report- CAPER, annually
- ii. Plan Development & Citizen Participation
  - Community Meetings
  - Stakeholder Outreach
  - City Councils & Staff of Member Jurisdictions
  - County's Community Development Committee
- iii. Fiscal Year 2023 Stanislaus Urban County
  - CDBG Proposed Projects
    - County: West Modesto Sewer Infrastructure Project and Fair Housing Services
    - Ceres: Morrow Village ADA Improvements Phase 2 project
    - Hughson: Walker Lane Project
    - Newman: Steffensen-Sunshine Park Area Project
    - Oakdale: Wood Basin Area Phase 2 Improvements Project
    - Patterson: Washburn Improvements Project
    - Riverbank: Castleberg Park ADA Improvements Project
    - Riverside-High Street Waterline Installation Project
    - Waterford: Dorsey, Pecan and N Western Avenue Project
- iv. Fiscal Year 2023 New Stanislaus HOME Consortium
  - HOME Proposed Programs
    - Consortium Affordable Housing Program
    - Housing Rehabilitation Program
    - Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Housing Set-Aside
- v. Citizen Participation Plan Amendment
  - Amendment Includes
    - Include language in the Citizen Participation Plan about the County as the lead entity for the new HOME Consortium
    - Update HUD description of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Assessment (AFFH).
- d. Day Center Operation at the Salvation Army presented by Edgar Garcia
  - Background- Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) Reallocation
    - City of Modesto was identified by HUD as a recipient of reallocated ESG-CV funds from other jurisdictions as a result of noncompliance and awarded the city an additional amount of \$632,829 of reallocated funds from the ESG-CV appropriation on Sept 20, 2022 and given an expenditure deadline of June 30, 2024.
  - ii. Salvation Army Partnership
    - The vision of the Salvation Army has always included the operation of a Day Center, since ACES opened in 2019.
    - The Salvation Army Berberian Shelter has traditionally required that clients leave the shelter every morning creating challenges for services and meal providers, where the Day center will provide a

safe and structured environment in which individuals experiencing homelessness can access services, meals, and participate in meaningful activities with support on a daily basis.

- iii. Proposed Project Salvation Army Day Center
  - Estimated project cost: \$569,546
  - Proposed location will include the outside location (tents, chairs, and tables) near the current location of the Access Center at 10<sup>th</sup> and D Street at the Salvation Army.
  - Other locations would include the classroom located within the Salvation Army Administration building at 301 10<sup>th</sup> Street, and the Dining Room located within the Berberian Shelter at 320 9<sup>th</sup> Street.
- iv. Support Services Offered:
  - Shower and Laundry Access
  - Needs assessments, Coordinated Entry Enrollment (HMIS), Service Provider Referrals
  - Public health screening -Stanislaus Nursing program/HSA
  - Employment Readiness and Resume Preparation
  - Financial Literacy
  - Core Life Skills Classes
- e. Traveler's Motel Homekey Application Update presented by Heather Jones. One of the core initiatives of the City's Community Development Division is to encourage, fund, and support the development of Affordable Housing within the City of Modesto
  - i. Background-Stanislaus County Homeless Strategic Plan:
    - During the 2021 strategic planning process conducted by the Stanislaus Community System of Care (CSOC), the number one goal identified was to 'increase the availability of permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness.'
    - Other goals in the Strategic Plan include the following:
      - Increase access to and availability of mental health, substance abuse treatment and other supportive services to increase housing stability.
      - Achieve equity in governance, outreach, provision of services
      - Increase and improve coordination of and pathways to essential community services and homeless programs
      - Strategically support homeless prevention
      - Throughout the last year, the City has been engaging affordable housing developers to build in Modesto. In January, RH Community Builders submitted the Traveler's Motel proposal for funding consideration ahead of the State's Homekey announcement.
  - ii. Homekey Funding and Future Considerations
    - The mission of Homekey 3 is to prevent homelessness by rapidly rehousing individuals through the provision of coordinated, compassionate, and high-quality services.

- The Legislative Analyst's Office has announced that the State is anticipating a budget shortfall which may result in the elimination of the Homekey program.
- State lumped Stanislaus County with the entire San Joaquin Valley and only allocated \$43 million for the region. Applications are over the counter, so the City is looking to apply with the next week if approved.

#### iii. Traveler's Motel

- Motel conversion to 54 units of Permanent Supportive Housing on 9<sup>th</sup> Street, that will offer amenities to clients such as in-unit kitchen, and bathroom for single occupancy, common laundry room and Community Center
- Service Availability would include: Onsite supportive services including case management, peer support, mental health services and linkage to medical and dental health care.

#### iv. Project Scope and Site Details

- Traveler's Motel would serve as a housing opportunity for youth experiencing homelessness and our general homeless population from the Coordinated Entry List
- 54 total units designed for youth, transitional homeless, and 1 on-site manager
- Total cost of project is \$23.2 million

### v. Relocation Requirements

 Traveler's Motel currently has approximately 38 units occupied with long-term arrangements with tenants that RH will work with to ensure relocation to other safe and stable housing prior to rehabilitation.

#### vi. Partnerships-Financial Contributors

- The Stanislaus Community System of Care (CSOC) approved a \$1.7 million allocation in support of this project
- The Managed Care Plans from our region (Health Plan of San Joaquin, and Health Net) approved a \$2.15 million allocation in support of this project

#### vii. Next Steps

- RH Community Builders, in partnership with the City of Modesto, will be submitting the Homekey application
- If awarded, the project would begin in Summer 2023 and be completed within 8 months and occupied in 12 months
- f. Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority presented by Kim Ryan; their mission is to provide a decent, safe and affordable rental housing and home ownership opportunities.
  - i. History of Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority
    - 1937 The Housing Act of 1937 was enacted to provide subsidies for local Housing Authorities to improve the living conditions for income families.

- 1949 The Housing Authority of the County of Stanislaus was established under the California Health and Safety Code by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors.
- ii. Housing Programs Include: Public, Migrant Farm Worker, Farm Labor, affordable and Managed Units Housing. These housing options were established to provide decent and safe subsidized rental housing for eligible low-income families, elderly and persons with disabilities.
- iii. Housing Authority provides rental subsidy services to over 5200 households through their voucher and subsidy programs
- iv. Community and Economic Development includes:
  - Culinary and Food Service Training
  - Landscaping Training
  - Property Maintenance and Construction Training Program
- v. Current and Future Development Projects
  - Kestrel Ridge
  - Walker Pointe
  - Rumble Road Apartments
  - Central Valley Homes
  - Edwards Estates
  - The 1612 Apartments
  - Parque Rio
  - Las Palmas II

### V. SHA General Membership announcements:

**City of Modesto:** David Wright stated that Downtown Street Team (DST) has 64 members, with a waiting list of 44.

- 3 team members enroll in a forklift and OSHA Certification Course, which were completed.
- 9 Team leaders attended a leadership conference.
- DST participated in a clean-up with 40 volunteers. Moved 2752 pounds of trash, recovered 4667 discarded needles around parks and neighborhoods.

**City of Riverbank:** Darlene Barber-Martinez reported that the Day Access Center is getting ready to open soon

**Focus on Prevention:** Homeless Action Plan committee is working together to out on homeless summit for the fall

**Stanislaus County:** County is working on the implementation of Care Court, an opportunity to engage in a new legal form to support individuals who are struggling with mental illness in the community and do not have the resources to be represented in court. Will come back in August or September to describe the program in greater detail. The county is partnering with many different types of programs but mainly with the Behavioral Health Department and supporting in the Traveler's Motel project. Behavioral

Health Department has access to funding which is about \$10.8 million. Its geared for supporting Transitional and Permanent Supporting Projects.

The county has a plan to expand substance use disorder treatment services throughout Stanislaus County.

A design is being created with the Opioids settlement funds. The county is using all settlement funds to create the new treatment system. This will be presented at a future meeting to give more information and updates.

# VI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2023, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: BOS Chambers: 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street Place, Modesto, CA 95354

# ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board

# Voting/Attendance as of 5:30 PM 5/10/23

	Representing:	SHA Board Members		Attendance
1	City of Ceres	James Casey	Primary	Α
		Rosalinda Vierra	Alternate	Р
2	City of Modesto	David Wright	Primary	Р
		Joe Lopez	Alternate	Α
3	City of Oakdale	Christopher Smith	Primary	Α
		Bryan Whitemyer	Alternate	Α
4	City of Patterson	Shivaugn Alves	Primary	Р
		Ken Irwin	Alternate	Α
5	City of Riverbank	Darlene Barber - Martinez	Primary	Р
		Marisela Garcia	Alternate	Α
6	City of Turlock	Pam Franco	Primary	Р
		Reagan Wilson	Alternate	Α
7	City of Waterford	Lise Talbott	Primary	Α
		Mike Pitcock	Alternate	Α
8	Community System of Care	Fred Berry	Primary	Р
		Major Harold Laubach, Jr	Alternate	Α
9	Focus on Prevention	Brad Hawn	Primary	Р
		Tim Byrd	Alternate	Α
10	Stanislaus County	Terry Withrow	Primary	Α
		Jody Hayes	Alternate	Р
11	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Carlos Estacio III	Primary	Α
		Jim Kruse	Alternate	Р